

## **BROOKLINE MEETINGHOUSE COMMITTEE**

### **DRAFT MINUTES**

Meeting Date: Tuesday, August 22, 2023, 5:00 PM, Brookline Meetinghouse  
Members present: Lee Anne Parker, Dan Towler, Kerry Bourne, Stuart Duke, Julia Duke  
Julia moved to approve minutes as written of our last meeting on 8/7/23; LAP seconded, all were in favor.

First item on the agenda was discussion of modification to the description of **Kerry's proposed foundation project** scheduled to begin this fall. We have to submit a proposal that is acceptable to both the Brookline Select Board and Caitlin Corkins of the VT Division for Historic Preservation. All parties wish to see this language in final form as soon as possible, so that the contract can be signed. After discussion, members agreed on a sentence that reads thus: *"Trench is to be 20" wide and 30" below grade around all three sides except where 30" depth is impossible due to existing immovable natural obstacles OR where 30" depth adjoining existing foundation of the brick portion of the building would compromise the integrity of that foundation."* Other sentences in the description will be left as is.  
Lee Anne & Dan will contact Caitlin later this week to see if she wishes to offer any input.

RFP for the **painting of the steeple** has been delivered to the SB. It has not gone out to bid as yet. It is hoped that can happen soon so the project can go forward next year.

The additional expense of Jon Saccoccio bringing on a consultant to investigate **mold and moisture issues** in the BMH will be reviewed by the SB at their meeting Sept. 6.

Members have been working with the **Brookline Energy Committee** to provide information about heating fuel use and other utilities. It is hoped that the BMH may be in line for some energy efficiency upgrades as a result of this committee's work.

Members are lukewarm about planning and scheduling any more **public events this fall**. There was some enthusiasm for a **holiday sing-along** in the church, if we can find an instrumental accompanist, possibly offering hot soups, cookies, etc.  
Content of our annual **fund-raising letter** will be reviewed and discussed in subsequent meetings, in hopes of getting a letter out late November/early December as in past years.  
Lee Anne brought up the idea of a **seed exchange**, and a decision was made to gauge interest at next year's plant sale.

Stuart will contact Gary Lavorgna to see if Newbrook Fire & Rescue is interested in taking our leftover frozen burgers and sodas.  
Lee Anne and Julia will undertake an inventory of the dishware at the BMH to see if we want to get rid of any. There is strong sentiment to keep any of quality for possible future use.  
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Dan expressed interest in opening up the BMH for public ping pong playing, possibly in September. Members were supportive.

Next meeting was scheduled for Monday, Sept. 18, 2023 @ 5:00 PM at BMH.  
Stuart moved to adjourn at 6:15 PM. All were in favor.

Respectfully submitted,  
Daniel Towler